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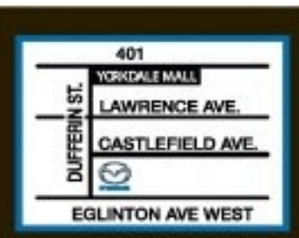

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Raps fever reaching the 905

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Love for the T.O. franchise spreading with playoff run

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It's a scene to behold.

Hundreds of fans, young and old, some sitting, others standing behind them, all eyes glued on two big screens watching — and cheering on — the Toronto Raptors against the Miami Heat.

No. It's not the well-known Jurassic Park outside Air Canada Centre. This dino-namic pack is at Celebration Square in Mississauga and stands as proof that Raptors fever is spreading with each win.

"We've always known basketball is a very popular sport in our community," said square manager Nidhi Khanna.

But, she noted, interest has especially spiked since the franchise's farm team — Raptors 905 — settled down at the Hershey Centre last year.

With the Toronto team in the second round of the NBA playoffs for the first time in 15 years, the city decided Celebration Square was a perfect place to play up all the old — and new — love for the team.

"It's quite a sizable crowd and it's growing with each game as the Raptors continue to win," Khanna said, adding it helps people who might not otherwise be able to make the trip to downtown Toronto for a game.

The plan is to continue showing every game as the Raptors advance, and a big crowd's expected for Friday's game.

If the Raptors beat the Heat, they advance to the conference finals for the first time in team history.

That would certainly draw in more fans. "It would be incredible," she said. "This is something we all enjoy and we're happy to support the team that everyone is excited about."

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FORT MCMURRAY WILDFIRE

As the dust from the Fort McMurray crisis settles, some residents can't wait to return and rebuild, while others want to leave the tragedy behind and start anew. **Canada**

Indigenous youth look to expand support centre

Program leader says transitional housing is key

Shane Perusse
For Metro | Toronto

Twenty years ago, Cynthia Bell's friend hung herself in a public area on the reserve where they lived.

It taught her an important lesson: Helping youth means listening to them.

"We're losing our young people," said Bell, who manages ENAGB, a youth-oriented program at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto. "They're falling by the wayside because we're not listening."

With that in mind, Bell formed a youth council made up of people who've graduated from her program. The group said they needed more space for transitional housing — and Bell's on a mission to make it happen.

"Our problem is we're breaking at the seams," she said about the 10 beds the native centre has available for youths 16 to 24 years old. "We're looking for something as big as the YMCA."

The beds Bell has available are full and there's an estimated wait of about six months to take in new people. A new centre could mean hundreds of beds and enough space to help everyone who needs it.

Some of the biggest demand, Bell said, comes from young people who are moving to the city — many fresh off of reserves.

"They're the vulnerable ones," she said. "A lot of these young people are coming from reservations and don't even know how the subways work. Others are coming from bad environments and need a safe home."

Apart from housing, the new centre would include educational programming and access to resources like computers, counselling and food.

It could take as much as $5 million to buy — and five years to refurbish — the building Bell is considering at 160 Symes Rd.

Right now, she's in the process of planning fundraisers and applying for government grants.

"It took 20 years to get programming that actually listens to the youth," said Bell. "I hope it doesn't take 20 more to get the building.

"I'm not giving up."

The Native Canadian Centre's North American Cultural Festival fundraiser runs May 21-22 in Downsview Park.

HEALING

ENAGB is an abbreviation for an Ojibwa saying that means "a place for healing our youth."

Cynthia Bell, manager of ENAGB, along with young members of the program. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

SCHOOLS

Catholic teachers take job action

Toronto's 60,000 Catholic elementary students likely will not get teacher comments on their June report cards, and those in Grades 3 and 6 probably will get out of writing the annual provincial tests in the 3 Rs, as their teachers plan to launch a work-to-rule Tuesday.

In its first job action in 15 years, the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers also will not plan field trips for next year or attend after-school meetings or workshops until the local union reaches a deal with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, said union president Patricia Minnan-Wong. Year-end field trips, sports events and graduation ceremonies will continue for the rest of the current school year.

Because negotiations have stalled but not broken off, Minnan-Wong would not specify which issues remain, but noted they do not relate to salary or benefits, which have been agreed on provincially. However, she had said previously the school board wants to introduce an "attendance management policy" to which the union objects. According to a memo from TECT, the board is "proposing significant strips to your current collective agreement, including … implementing attendance management — a regressive, demoralizing and ineffective costly program that monitors teacher absences for the ultimate purpose of cutting salary and benefits." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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MARIJUANA LICENSING

T.O. council gets pot advice from Vancouver councillor

Luke Simcoe
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The Vancouver councillor who led the charge to regulate marijuana dispensaries in his city has some advice for Toronto as it struggles to nip the same problem in the bud.

There’s been a recent proliferation of pot peddlers in Toronto, prompting Mayor John Tory to write a letter to city staff Thursday demanding stronger enforcement.

It’s a problem Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang is familiar with. The number of dispensaries in Vancouver doubled between 2013 and 2015, he said.

“They were starting to pop up close to schools and community centres and even inside strata units,” he said. “And there was nothing we could legally do because there was no business licence category for it.”

The Queens of Cannabis near Bloor and Ossington is one of the dozens of pot dispensaries that has opened recently. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Instead, Jang and his colleagues set about crafting rules for “marijuana-related” businesses instead.

“Our lawyers were really specific about that,” he said.

Vancouver city council passed a bylaw last June requiring dispensaries to operate at least 300 metres away from schools, community centres and each other. The businesses must also obtain licences and are prohibited from marketing to children.

> **They told us to treat them like any other business.**
> Coun. Kerry Jang

“We had 176 applications for licences and only 14 made it based on distancing alone,” Jang said, although some additional dispensaries were able to appeal.

In cases where dispensaries were competing for the same turf, Vancouver weeds out applicants based on complaints from the public, other infractions like litter or signage and whether the police have been called to the location.

“The system is working because the bylaws we crafted are what the legitimate industry wanted,” Jang said. “They told us to treat them like any other business.”

Those that failed to secure licences were given until April 29 to close. About 60 unlicensed dispensaries are still operating, Jang said, but face fines of at least $250 a day.

“If the city is perceived as not being serious, they’ll continue to push the envelope. But we are serious,” Jang said.

Jang encouraged Toronto to adopt a similar bylaw to Vancouver, and said the process needs to be “absolutely transparent.”

“At the end of the day, it’s not about prohibition or justice or law and order, it’s all about public health,” he said.

Tory calls for new standards

Mayor John Tory TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In a letter to the City of Toronto’s licensing head Tracey Cook, Mayor John Tory said that “left unaddressed, the number of these dispensaries will only increase.”

“This proliferation brings with it potential health risks for individuals who patronize dispensaries where the substance for sale is completely unregulated,” the letter reads.

Tory said he’ll ask for a report back from staff on the feasibility of licensing those shops at the licensing and standards committee meeting next week. He is requesting the report come back quickly to the next meeting in June.

In the interim, Tory is also calling for better enforcement, “in conjunction with the Toronto Police Service” of dispensaries operating “unlawfully.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Councillor mulls changes to rink menu

TOURISM

Layton suggests letting skaters warm up with wine on the ice

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

How about a hot sip of alcohol to warm you up at the skating rink?

Coun. Mike Layton wants it to happen at Toronto's outdoor rinks. He's asked the city to explore offering mulled wine at the ice pads as a way to spice up experience.

"When you go to a square in Lyon or Paris and they're skating, they'll serve some kind of hot wine," Layton said. "They actually serve it all over Europe, typically around the holiday time. So why not in Toronto?"

The time is especially ripe as Toronto works to expand outdoor programming with new offerings coming to spots like Fort York and, eventually, the Under Gardiner development.

Layton made the pitch Thursday as the city's parks and environment committee considered building a $2.5-million outdoor skating trail and rink at College Park.

So far, $1.75 million — including a newly announced $250,000 from the Downtown Yonge BIA — has been set aside for the project. A timeline for when it might be fully paid for and built has not been set.

As for wine and skating, Layton thinks they could one day become as much a part of Toronto's fabric as BeaverTails and skating the Rideau Canal are in Ottawa.

"I'm quite eager to see what it might look like," he said.

A man and a child prepare to skate at a rink at Nathan Phillips Square in February. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GENDER ISSUES WALKING THE EXTRA MILE Hundreds of stiletto-clad men strutted their stuff down Yonge Street on Thursday as part of Toronto's annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. It's a fundraiser for White Ribbon, a movement of men working to end violence against women and girls and to promote gender equality and healthy relationships. According to a 2015 survey by the Canadian Women's Foundation, half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since turning 16. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

TRANSIT

UPX ridership triples after fare reduction

Two months after the Union Pearson Express slashed its fares, ridership on the troubled airport rail link has tripled, according to a spokeswoman for the provincial transit agency.

Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins said Wednesday that as of the end of April, 6,500 people on average now use the service on weekdays. Including weekends, when ridership is lower, the daily average is about 6,000, she said. About 80 per cent of the riders are coming to or from Pearson International Airport, and the rest are commuters.

Before UPX lowered the cost of tickets in March, daily ridership hovered between 2,000 and 2,200 people. Immediately after the price change, that number increased to about 5,000 a day. Aikins said since then, ridership has grown at a rate of about six per cent a week.

The numbers Aikins provided were based on passenger head counts; she said they are reasonably accurate despite being less precise than the official figures reported every three months to the Metrolinx board.

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It's curtains for iconic cinema

DEVELOPMENT

Condo tower spells the end of an era for Humber hall

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The credits are rolling on one of Toronto's oldest movie theatres.

Developer Plazacorp has submitted a proposal to build a 14-storey condo tower on the site of the Humber Cinema on Bloor Street West. Local councillor Sarah Doucette said it's still early in the process, but she doubts the historic theatre will survive intact.

"You really can't ask a developer not to develop half of the property. It's just not going to happen," she said.

The Humber Cinema on Bloor Street West first opened in 1948. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

That's not sitting well with local residents and cinema buffs, who say the 68-year-old theatre is part of the community.

Freelance film writer Sean Kelly has started an online petition in a bid to have the Humber receive heritage designation and be saved.

One of the original Odeon cinemas in Toronto, the Humber first opened in 1948. Despite numerous renovations, it has retained a classic theatre vibe that you can't find at more modern cinemas.

"Toronto has very few historical cinemas remaining, with many of them having closed down during the multiplex boom of the 1980s and 1990s," he said.

"If the cinema is torn down for condos, all that history will be lost forever."

Plus, the neighbourhood will be left without a cinema. The nearby Runnymede Theatre closed in 1999.

Doucette has asked Plazacorp to amend its plans to include a replacement theatre at the site, but nothing has been confirmed at this time.

"We've taken a look at some kind of theatre in the project, but in terms of whether or not it will make financial sense, we're still weighing our options," said Plazacorp's senior vice-president Scott McLellan.

ENVIRONMENT

Poor year for cherry blossoms

Every spring hundreds of tourists and Instagram-ready residents flock to High Park for "peak bloom" or in Japanese, "Sakura Hanami," which roughly translates to "cherry blossom flower viewing."

It's an annual ritual, but it's looking like 2016 may be remembered as the year of no blossoms.

A visit to the west-end park Wednesday afternoon to investigate found puny green buds where there should have been a canopy of pale pink.

Even city staff admit it's not looking good.

"We now predict that there will not be a 'peak bloom' this spring," staff at High Park Nature Centre tweeted from their official account May 6.

"There will likely be a few blossoms later in May, but we certainly will not have the stunning display we are used to in late April or early May," staff posted on their website.

As a consolation prize, staff said the later-blooming Akebono and Fugenzo trees will produce some flowers later in the season.

Steven Joniak, who vigilantly tracks the status of the blossoms through his blog, Sakura in High Park, called it on May 4 — "no bloom will be seen in 2016" — and blames erratic weather this spring.

A woman walks through a surprisingly colourless High Park on Thursday, where this time last year, cherry blossoms were blooming, inset. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Teachers get a crash course in mathematics

TRAINING

Colleges strive to boost skills in area where many struggle

Elementary teachers' weak math skills — some can't even recall Grade 6 fractions — have sent Ontario teachers' colleges scrambling to launch mandatory crash courses, with some making student teachers pass a math test to graduate.

Weak teacher math skills, which faculties of education across North America view as a "huge problem," are seen as one factor in Ontario's falling student math scores, especially in grade school, where most teachers have a liberal-arts background and have not studied math since high school.

The University of Toronto, Trent University and Lakehead University now require student elementary teachers to write a test of math basics — fractions, decimals, percentages — and then offer help with concepts teachers don't understand. Other schools are adding compulsory math refresher courses to Ontario's new two-year teacher education curriculum.

Some professors say student teachers are often in tears when they try to recall their grade-school math, and tell them they're grateful for the emergency crash courses.

"I've got some mathematically brilliant teacher candidates, but I'm also working with some who don't know how to multiply or divide," noted professor Mary Reid of U of T's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). "They have no idea what a 'remainder' is. They think a remainder of 3 is the same as decimal 3."

OISE now gives student teachers a mandatory diagnostic math test during orientation week — no calculators allowed — to pinpoint where they might need help.

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Dr. Mary Reid holds out a "10 frame," also known as a "math manipulative," at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

NICK KOZAK/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CURRICULUM

School's sex-ed offers 'private parts' option

An alternative to Ontario's updated health curriculum is being offered by the Toronto elementary school that found itself at the centre of the sex-education controversy — with Grade 1 students having the option to learn about "private parts" instead of proper names for genitalia.

Thorncliffe Park Principal Jeff Crane said because a number of parents had concerns about their children being taught the words penis and vagina, the school decided to offer a class where teachers covered the key issue of inappropriate touching without being specific about body parts, a move meant to keep kids in school this week and at least learn some of the curriculum.

About 60 per cent of the 300 students in that grade were taught the proper curriculum, the remaining 40 per cent the sanitized version.

Last September, Thorncliffe Park school was hit by protests — which saw hundreds of children pulled out of school because of the sex-ed curriculum — where parents set up their own classes in the adjacent park.

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IN BRIEF

Cyclist killed in accident identified as firefighter

A Toronto firefighter has died following a cycling accident Thursday at Kelso Conservation Area in Milton.

The woman, who is in her 30s, has been identified as Sara Rosen, according to a statement from the Toronto Professional Fire Fighters' Association.

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Death in home 'suspicious'

Police are investigating after the body of a man was found in a North York home on Thursday.

Emergency crews were called to the scene at Cameron Avenue and Yonge Street at 9 a.m. Though it initially came in as a medical call, the death is "deemed to be suspicious in nature," police say. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Keeping sprawl in check

BUILDING PROPOSAL

Expansion of greenbelt is step toward GTA 'retrofit'

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A provincial proposal to expand the greenbelt and limit urban sprawl is the first step towards "retrofitting" the GTA's suburbs, experts say.

"People may love to hate the suburbs, but whether you like them or not, most of the population and job growth in Toronto is happening in suburban areas," said Sean Hertel, an urban planning fellow at the City Institute at York University.

The population of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area is expected to top 10 million by 2041. In response, the province is proposing sweeping changes to its planning policies, including requirements for greater density along transit corridors and an expansion of the greenbelt — 800,000 hectares of land around the GTHA where development is a no-go.

The proposed policies — announced this week — are aimed at curtailing urban sprawl and the issues that come with it like greenhouse gas emissions, long commutes and under-utilized transit projects.

If implemented, experts say the changes will bring downtown planning to the burbs.

The policy would require 60 per cent of new residential development be located in already "built-up" areas, a strategy known as infill. Planners say the added density could transform parts of the suburbs into the kind of mixed-use communities more commonly seen downtown.

There's a lot of potential to build up areas near suburban transit hubs and strip malls, said Alicia Kingdon at the Ryerson City Building Institute.

"You can make the area more pedestrian friendly and encourage people to walk or bike there. Then, over time, you may be able to take out some parking spots and develop that area more," she said.

That could also take pressure off Toronto's housing market, Hertel said, by making the suburbs more appealing to millennials — fewer of whom are buying cars.

"The suburbs are the new frontiers of our city," he said. "Who knows? Maybe the next hip place to live will be a mixed-use neighbourhood in Scarborough once the Eglinton LRT gets there." Intensification needs to be managed properly, however, and should include affordable housing option to prevent lower-income families from being "excluded," Hertel warned.

"In theory, what the province is doing is fantastic, but they'll need to be mindful of some unintended consequences," he said.

Toronto is literally surrounded by urban sprawl with suburban housing developments, like this one in Markham, leading the way. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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IN BRIEF

Taxi companies refuse to raise peak-time prices

The city's largest taxi brokerages say they will refuse to increase prices during peak periods despite new rules that allow them to do so.

Companies including Beck, City, Co-op, Crown, Diamond and Maple Leaf say they are rejecting what's known as surge pricing after council voted on new regulations that loosened rules for taxis — a move meant to allow them to compete with companies like Uber. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Shooting arrests made

Seven people — including three teens — have been arrested in a west-end shooting investigation.

Officers from the Toronto Police Services 12 Division and Emergency Task Force conducted sweeps on May 10, hitting two Toronto homes and one in Brampton. The investigation was related to a March 15 shooting, which police say began with a 13-year-old boy being robbed of his cellphone. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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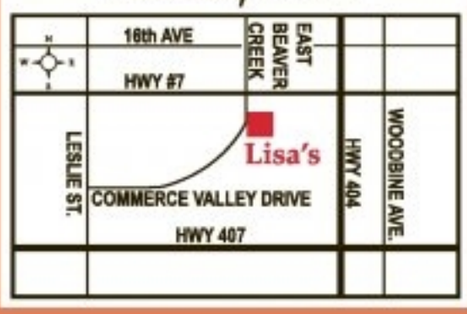

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IMMIGRANTS

Brazilian community worries about political chaos

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Supporters of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff protest against her impeachment trial in Sao Paulo. GETTY IMAGES

They may live thousands of miles away from their home country but Brazilians in Toronto are concerned about what's happening in their country's politics.

"I feel for the country. This is certainly going to cause trouble for the economy," said Arilda De Oliveira, who moved here about 30 years ago and is the president of Toronto International BrazilFest.

The country's senate voted to impeach and suspend Dilma Rousseff, the country's first female president who won a second mandate in 2014 but was accused of hiding a growing public shortfall to facilitate her re-election.

Protests have broken out across the country between groups in favour and opposed to the impeachment, with police using tear gas and pepper spray to control them.

Interim president Michel Temer who replaced her has already sparked controversy by naming a male-only cabinet on Thursday morning — the first time there's no woman in Brazilian cabinet since the 1970s.

De Oliveira said it's unfair to kick Rousseff out this way.

"She's only trying to clean up whatever mess has been there for the past 10 years," she said. "The entire political elite is so corrupt that I think everybody has been involved in this mess."

Gustavo Vieira, another Torontonian from Brazil, agrees with the corruption observation.

"I fear this new government will only put in a bunch of crooks in power. Everyone is implicated in crimes," he said.

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Will they stay, or will they go?

In the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfire, which saw more than 88,000 people evacuated from their homes and 2,400 buildings destroyed, many people don't know what the future holds. One family Metro spoke with is determined to return to their lives, while another woman wants to leave the tragedy behind and move on.

Connie Jacobs and her son Zander, 10, are planning to go back to Fort McMurray with their family and pets. KEVIN TUNG/FOR METRO

Theresa Blacquiere is among few Fort McMurray residents who don't plan to return to the city. "I'm too terrified to go back," she says. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

If Zander Jacobs' parents have their way, their son will be reunited with the Sith lords he loves as soon as possible, back in Fort McMurray.

Ten-year-old Zander left his two action figures behind in his home — luckily still standing — when he evacuated it last week with his family.

Jacobs can't wait to see Darth Vader and Darth Maul again.

"I'm a really big Star Wars fan," he said. "I love all of them."

But his parents are just keen to return to the city they love.

"We're planning on going back, though there'll be lots of work to do," said Connie Jacobs, Zander's mother. "That's our home no matter where we are, that's where our heart is right now."

Evacuating the city was chaotic for the Jacobs family: Zander, his sister and father, Steven, weren't at home and ended up being evacuated north, while his mother was at home, and loaded up their two dogs, cat and bearded dragon — packed into an Old Dutch potato-chip box — and headed south.

They're now staying at a friend's place in Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, where they're sharing space with two other families.

While Jacobs no longer has a job to go back to — she was working for a condo company that had all its units burn — she said her husband works for a flooring company that they believe is still in business.

She's looking forward to going home, but safety concerns have to be addressed.

"We definitely want to go back, but we want to make sure it's safe. We don't ever want to ever go through anything like this again."

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Theresa Blacquiere is adamant she won't return to Fort McMurray, after she fled the city in what she calls a terrifying experience.

After raging wildfires consumed about 10 per cent of Fort McMurray last week, Blacquiere was among the more than 88,000 who left their homes.

"I left with the clothes on my back," she said. "It was probably the most frightening experience I had ever been through."

And as many plan to rebuild their lives in the city once they can return, Blacquiere said she won't — she has moved on.

"I'm too terrified to go back," she said, "and I can guarantee you I won't be back."

She said she isn't sure she'll return to fetch her belongings, as they continue to sit untouched since last week's blaze.

"I just don't know," she said repeatedly. "I've given my landlord my notice, so I may be paying rent until June. But it is what it is — I don't plan on going back."

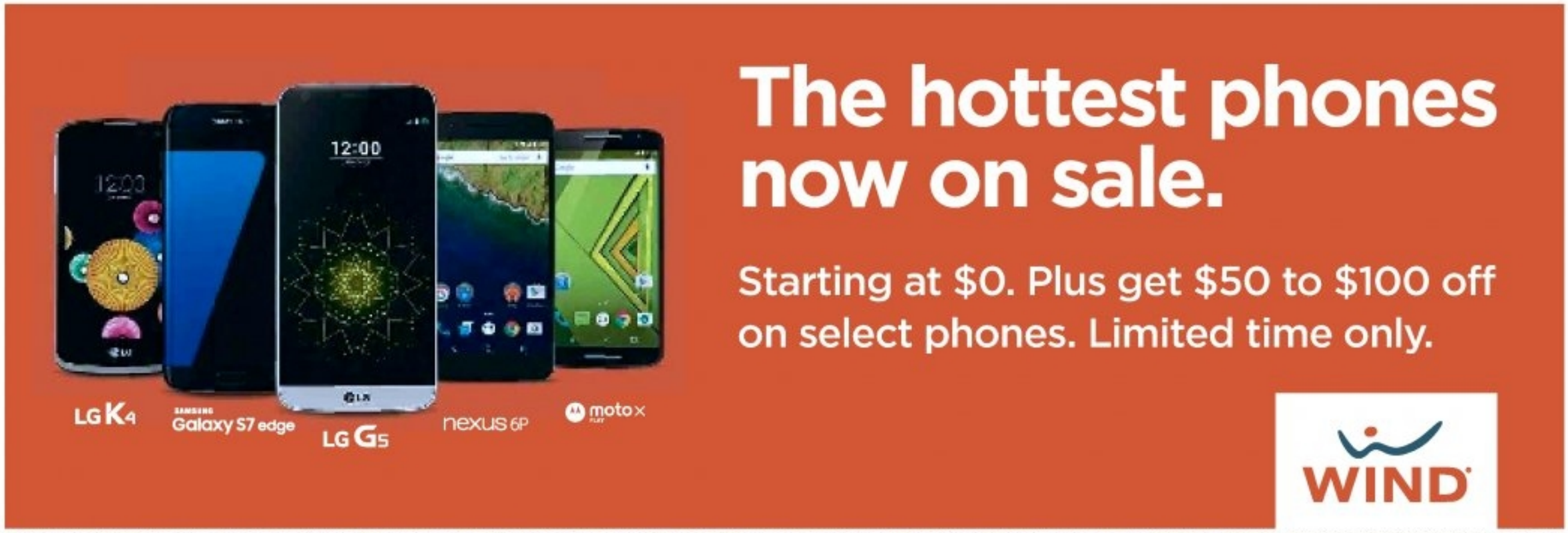
In fact, Blacquiere has managed to acquire her old apartment in Lacombe.

She said she just feels happy to be somewhere away from the flames.

"It's just so heartbreaking to see what has happened," she said.

Blacquiere, who works as a clerk at an oil and gas camp south of the city, said nobody is quite sure when they'll be called back up, as the fire proves to move in unpredictable ways. She said the next two weeks will be getting settled in Lacombe, and waiting to see how work pans out.

"I haven't looked for other jobs, yet," she said. "I'm just going to take it day-by-day."



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Renters, landlords frustrated

HOUSING

Lease deals a source of tension for many residents

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A charred oven is shown in the Abasands neighbourhood during a media tour of the fire-damaged city of Fort McMurray on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fort McMurray's fire only charred about 10 per cent of homes in the area, but for tenants and landlords still barred from the city, both could see losses over lease agreements.

Renters looking for answers about getting back their May 1 deposits won't find them in Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act. According to a Calgary real estate lawyer, acts of God aren't part of provincial legislation and normally fall under the insurance.

Kim Clemens and her husband fled Fort McMurray after beginning a new lease on a condo. They paid their first month's rent and a damage deposit she says they may not get back.

"One week into evacuation they call to tell us they were evicting us because they needed the condo back," Clemens said. "They said their home was gone so they needed that condo."

She said they intend to stay, and have already spoken to a lawyer about their rights — they've been advised to continue paying rent and that the landlord needs a just cause to evict them.

"I cry a lot," Clemens said. "I was happy, I had a home before I left."

Calgary real estate lawyer Jeffrey Kahane said first steps include checking with your landlord and your insurance company – if you have one.

"There's nothing in the act that would let (tenants) get their month's rent back," Kahane said. "They're renting the property, all their stuff is in the property, and it's unfortunate. They could try talking to their landlord, but they're under no obligation to give it to them."

A form published by the Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta and Laws for Landlords and Tenants in Alberta reflects as much. Renters are required to keep paying rent. If the property has health and safety issues and both parties can't come to an agreement, tenants can call a health inspector.

If a leased building isn't standing anymore, or severely damaged, tenants can choose to "treat the rental agreement as frustrated," stop paying rent, pack up and go. It's usually best to let the landlord know in writing, and have substantial photo and video evidence before booking it.

Kahane said if the property has been completely burned down renters may be able to request back partial rent.

Clemens' isn't the only case of tensions bubbling between landlords and tenants. Fort McMurray evacuees share posts on support Facebook groups, some tenants trying to make deals with their landlords, others asking legal advice and most looking for answers.

It's not just renters with concerns. Landlords can't claim lost rent through their insurance unless the property is reduced to cinders. They can defer their mortgage payments, but are still going to be on the hook for cash. And if tenants leave, that's their livelihood on the line.

Metro contacted Service Alberta for clarification, but waited for a response for four days before publication.

SAFETY

Fire may not return for years

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Silver linings will be small comfort to the residents of Fort McMurray, but the massive fire that forced all to flee may keep the community safe from a similar disaster in the future.

Chad Morrison, senior wildfire manager in Alberta, said the fire has destroyed so much of the surrounding forest that it would be difficult for another to spread.

"Much of the vegetation has been consumed, so that will actually protect if the fire ends up turning around," he said.

"Once the fire has burned through, it won't return there, but there is still lots of work to make that safe," he said.

The community's mayor, Melissa Blake echoed those comments.

"I feel safe from fires for the next 50 to 75 years, because it is not likely to do this again real soon," she said. But she also said the community will have to take a hard look at how it's laid out and how structures are built.

Group helps youth to 'feel like they matter'

ATTAWAPISKAT

Three of their own learning about sports and hope

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Skylar Hookimaw has been searching for a way to bring positivity into his home of Attawapiskat and believes he may have found it this week.

The First Nation declared a state of emergency in April after its population of around 2,000 saw more than 100 suicide attempts in half a year.

Both federal and provincial governments responded with crisis teams, mental-health professionals and social workers, but the state of emergency also caught the attention of Motivate Canada.

Tatum Nakogee and Skylar Hookimaw in Ottawa on Thursday.
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Every year, Motivate hosts the Activate National Youth Leadership Forum — a workshop-based conference for young people to learn how to leverage the power of sport and recreation to change their communities for the better.

Motivate CEO Don Adams and organizers saw social-media posts on what Attawapiskat youth said they needed.

"They were saying, 'We need more recreation, more sport, more physical activity … something to do,'" Adams said. "So we said, 'We really think our Activate program could make a difference.'"

Motivate invited Hookimaw and two other young people from Attawapiskat to Activate 2016, running this week at the YMCA Bonnenfant Camp in Dunrobin, just outside Ottawa.

Rather than dispatch outside help to Attawapiskat, Activate is teaching three of its own young people how to spark change from within.

"I think this will really help," said Hookimaw, 19. "These things I am learning are all positive, and I'm looking forward to teaching some of the youth what I'm learning. Hopefully they will feed off of that positivity and look forward to a brighter future."

He said he plans to take home some of the games and activities he's learning about.

"It would be really awesome if they had this in my community. The youth would come out and socialize more and feel like they matter," he said.

He and his neighbours Tatum Nakogee, 16, and Sky Koostachin, 22, are currently engaged in workshops on sport program development, physical literacy, networking, inclusion and wellness, to name a few.

EXPLOITATION

Child sex tourism increasing: Report

More children than ever are being exploited in the travel and tourism sector in Canada and around the world, according to a new report released Thursday.

The two-year study, produced by the non-governmental organization ECPAT International, found that child-sex tourism has increased drastically and changed in nature in the last 20 years despite strong global efforts to combat the problem.

The main reason is the "phenomenal" increase in global travel, which has created more opportunities for abuse, says a member of the task force that oversaw the report.

"The only way not to find this problem in any community is simply not to look," Ernie Allen said in an interview.

The study found that Canada and the U.S., which have traditionally been considered "source countries" for abusers, are increasingly also becoming destinations. In Canada, indigenous women and kids are especially vulnerable.

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SYRIAN CRISIS

Nearly all of feds' refugees are housed

Immigration Minister John McCallum said 98 per cent of government-sponsored Syrian refugees have now found permanent housing.

The minister told a Commons committee that the remaining two per cent should be housed by mid-June.

He says the government plans to bring in and sponsor 25,000 refugees from Syria this year and is well on its way to that goal. That's on top of the 25,000 brought in by the end of February in a mix of sponsorships.

McCallum says there is still a demand among Canadians to help Syrian refugees.

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Donald Trump mending fences

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner pledges to work with House Speaker

Donald Trump and Paul Ryan have vowed to work together in an attempt to unify the Republican Party. GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan pledged to work together despite their differences after a meeting Thursday aimed at unifying a party torn over Trump's rise to the cusp of the Republican presidential nomination. The speaker stopped short of a full-throated endorsement but appeared closer to one.

Trump and Ryan issued a statement describing their meeting as a "very positive step toward unification" that recognized "many important areas of common ground" as well as areas where they disagree. Ryan stunned Republicans by withholding his endorsement a week ago when it became clear Trump was on a firm path to the nomination.

The much-anticipated meeting unfolded as more Republicans have begun urging the party to leave the extraordinary discord behind. The statement by the two suggested both are invested in tamping down Republican infighting as they try to pull the GOP together for the fight against Hillary Clinton and Democrats in the fall.

Ryan told a news conference they are "planting the seeds" to accomplish that.

In a tweet, Trump said: "Great day in D.C. with @SpeakerRyan and Republican leadership. Things working out really well!"

Trump, in a black SUV, slipped from one GOP power centre to another on a fence-mending mission made necessary by his outsider status in the city that embodies insiders.

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TRAYVON MARTIN

Zimmerman's gun for sale online

An online gun auction website yanked George Zimmerman's ad to sell the pistol he used to kill unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, saying it wanted no part in the deal, but a second site offered to post it.

A listing for the weapon was removed from the GunBroker.com site Thursday morning, minutes after the auction was to begin, as negative traffic about the sale exploded online.

In a statement posted on its website, GunBroker.com said listings are user generated, and that the company reserved the right to reject listings at its discretion. No one there "has any relationship with Zimmerman", the company wrote in its statement.

It added, "We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving." Hours later, United Gun Group tweeted that it would post Zimmerman's ad.

Critics called the planned auction an insensitive move to profit from the slaying.

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Samsung expands virtual reality

TECHNOLOGY

Company pairs with Oculus in attempt to dazzle consumers

Smartphone maker Samsung and virtual reality specialist Oculus are trying to dazzle consumers by adding more entertainment and educational options to their Gear headset in hopes of transforming the technological curiosity into a cultural phenomenon.

The new selections announced Wednesday include Nomads, a three-dimensional video series examining wayfaring lifestyles in remote parts of the world. There's also an upcoming video game called Tactera that requires players to plot a battlefield strategy on a holographic tabletop, and another 360-degree video called 6X9 providing a grim look of what it's like to be stuck in a prison's solitary confinement cell.

They join a menu of more than 250 apps designed for the Gear VR since its consumer model was released nearly six months ago. That's a meagre amount compared to the millions of apps available for the iPhone and devices running on the Android operating system.

Devices that build an arsenal of compelling apps usually are easier to sell to consumers. Programmers, though, put a lower priority on designing apps for devices until they have amassed a large audience.

That hasn't happened yet with the Gear, though Oculus says it is winning over fans faster than it anticipated when the headset hit the market just before last year's holiday shopping season. About 1 million people used the Gear VR last month for an average of 25 minutes per day, according to Oculus. About 80 per cent of that time was spent watching video.

Samsung designed the Gear for its most recent smartphones with the help of Oculus, a little-known startup until online social networking leader Facebook bought it for $2 billion two years ago to help introduce virtual reality to the masses.

"Oculus can help people experience anything, anywhere," boasted Max Cohen, the company's head of mobile. "We think this (technology) can actually change people's lives."

The concept of virtual reality, a technology that immerses people in an artificial world, has been around for years, but has never taken off.

The Gear was a forerunner to a more advanced virtual-reality headset called the Rift that costs $600 and requires a connection to a high-powered computer.

The Rift began shipping nearly two months ago, although many buyers still haven't received the headset yet because of delays that Oculus has blamed on parts shortages.

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This photo provided by Felix & Paul Studios shows a scene from a 3-D video series called Nomads. Virtual reality specialist Oculus is trying to impress consumers by adding entertainment and educational options to the Samsung Gear headset. HANDOUT VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEXT BIG THING

Mark Zuckerberg is convinced virtual reality is destined to become technology's next big breakthrough, and other influential trendsetters Google and Apple are now scrambling to catch up in the still-nascent field.

REPRESENTATION

Emojis for women by Google

Google wants professional women to be better represented in emoji form.

In a proposal to the Unicode Consortium, which controls specifications for emojis, Google says it wants to create a new set "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls everywhere."

Sample emojis provided by Google in the proposal show several female characters in professional clothing, including business suits, lab coats, medical scrubs and construction hats.

Google wants Unicode to standardize the emojis by the end of the year.

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Emojis designed by Google to focus on women. HANDOUT

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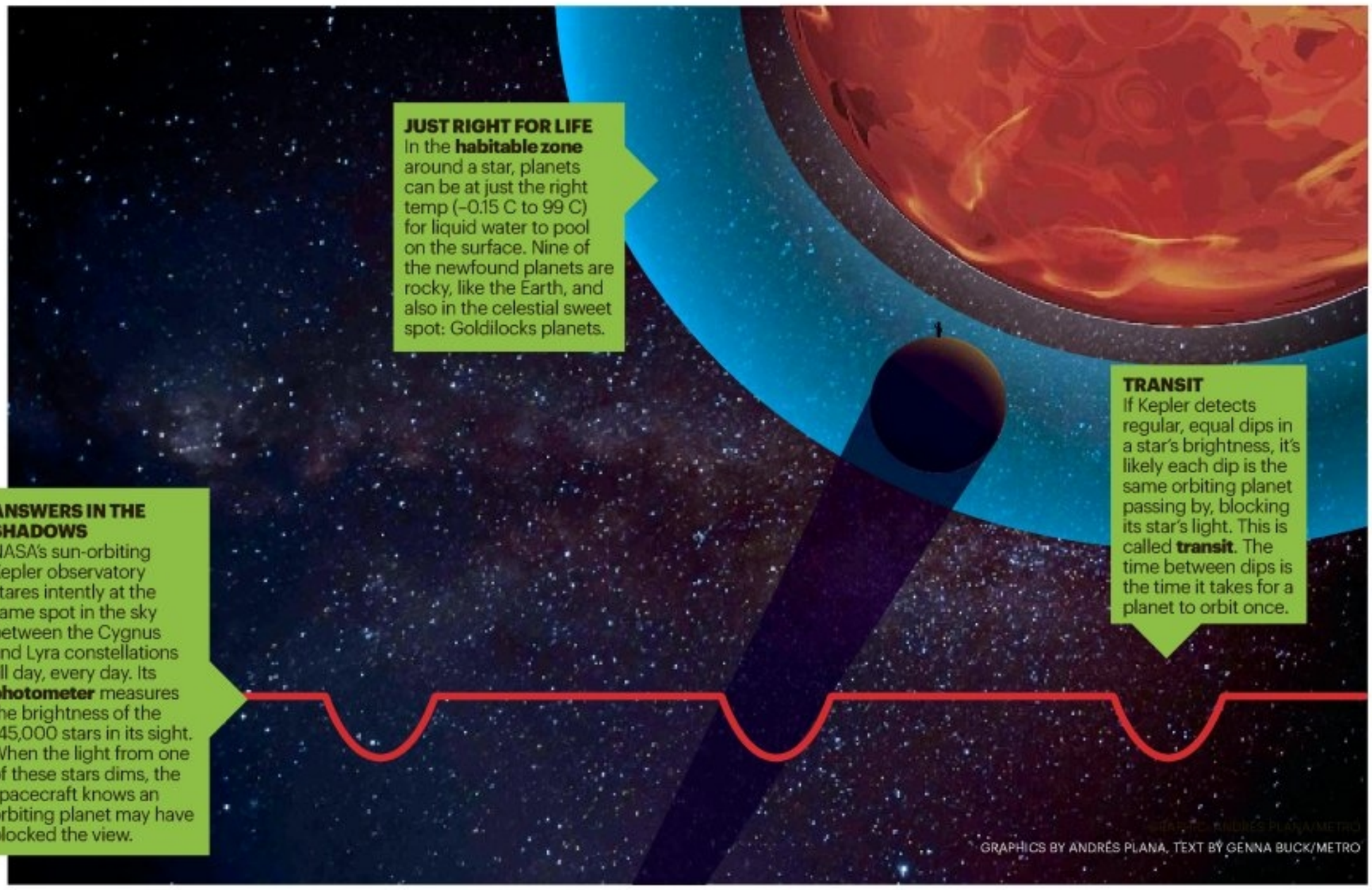
GOING VIRAL
Articles about the **2014-15 measles outbreak** were read and shared more if they had "bottom line" statements (vaccines good, measles bad).

MEASLES WARNING

DECODED Goldilocks planets

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

NASA's Kepler mission confirmed the existence of 1,284 more planets this week, doubling the total number of **exoplanets** known to science (that is, planets outside our familiar eight-planet solar system. Sorry, Pluto). Some of these new worlds are Earth-like and a handful are in that not-too-hot, not-too-cold "Goldilocks" zone — our best hope to one day learn we're **not alone in our galaxy**.



FINDINGS
Your week in science

SELECTIVE MEMORY
You know the feeling: We remember past failures and embarrassments acutely but forget less awful things that happened around the same time. A study from University College London suggests the hippocampus, which helps associate memories with their surrounding context, is less active while we're exposed to gruesome images and events.

HUNGER IN YOUR HEAD
Researchers at McGill University have discovered that a specific type of brain cells, **NG2-glia cells,** are essential for signalling to the body that we've had enough to eat.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Pedomorphism is a type of genetic change: It's when the adults of a species start to display a trait that used to only be seen in the young. It can happen randomly, or through natural selection or selective breeding.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
"I think there's a lot of **pedomorphism** bred into pugs like Pamela. Look at her chubby cheeks and big, round eyes. She looks like a puppy, but she's 16!"

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can garlic cure my cold?

If I'm coming down with a cold, I should swallow a bunch of garlic right away, right? — Rosie, Vancouver

Mmm. Garlic bread. That will definitely make you happy and take your mind off your cold. In all seriousness, though, there's some evidence garlic prevents colds, but it's pretty weak.

Garlic contains a fragrant compound called allicin, which has been shown in the lab to have antiviral and antibacterial properties. Clinical trials in people, though, are scarce and mostly poorly designed. The most recent review of the research I could find included just one good-quality experiment: 146 people got either a placebo or 180 mg of allicin (10 cloves' worth!) daily for three months. According to self-reported symptoms (not the most reliable), the garlic group had less than half as many colds.

However, the experiment may have been thrown off because some people in the garlic group knew who they were: Their bad breath gave it away.

This example illustrates some general problems with botanical remedies. Most of their active components are found in plants in trace amounts that can vary a lot. And though you can buy concentrated plant products, they're loosely regulated. You can't always be sure the content, the dosage or the health claims on the label are accurate.

If you think "Even if garlic isn't the **best,** at least it's natural," I'd argue that statement's pretty meaningless. Cases in point: Salicylic acid (aspirin) made in a lab is chemically identical to the compound found in white willow. Botulin toxin is a "natural," lethal, poison. I'm not a doctor, but I'll tell you what I do for colds: tea, Netflix, over-the-counter fever meds, and if I think it's going to make me happier, garlic bread.

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More than gorgeous George

CLOONEY'S RESUME

The star's latest, Money Monster, at home among an eclectic mix

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

George Clooney is a rare breed, a one-name film star. Mention "George" and everyone knows who you're talking about.

He's headlined a handful of films dating all the way back to when there was a Clinton in the White House that raked in north of $100 million. Since leaving the television show ER in 1999, he's released two movies a year on average, including this weekend's Money Monster, a thriller about the host of a financial advice show held hostage on live TV by an investor who lost everything.

Some of his films have been successful, others not, but it's clear Clooney doesn't aspire to be a blockbuster star. Perhaps it's because George is, as Time called him, "the last movie star," that he appears determined to smash what that kind of stardom means. By lending his name to offbeat movies he deconstructs the mechanism of superstardom.

George steers his career toward character driven pieces, often at the expense of giant box office numbers. And while the fabric of his fame may fray around the edges from time to time — he's as susceptible to box office vagaries as anyone — he stays busy, winning Oscars, producing movies like August: Osage County and acting as pitchman for everyone from Fiat to Martini vermouth.

"I'm very aware of the fact that if not for a Thursday night time slot on ER, I wouldn't have this career," he once said, "so I'm going to push the limits as much as I can."

From kid flicks to period dramas and political satire Clooney has done just that.

Loosely based on a Roald Dahl story, the stop-motion animated Fantastic Mr. Fox sees Clooney as a smooth-talking fox that returns to a life of crime after buying a tree house he can't afford. Clooney brings charm, wit and warmth to an unpredictable character, smooth one minute, a wild animal the next.

Clooney also starred in The Good German, a tribute to 1940s cinema shot with technology from the golden age of Hollywood — the same lenses, the same atmospheric lighting, the same rat-a-tat-tat style of dialogue, the same everything. It's a retro-looking film made with 21st century creative freedom. Clooney, as an American military journalist covering the Potsdam Conference in post-war Berlin, and co-star Cate Blanchett look like golden age movie stars but behave more like Brat Packers.

Strangest of all is The Men Who Stare at Goats, the best movie with the worst name on Clooney's resume. He plays a psychic soldier in this screwball satire about the state of modern warfare. Its an absurdist film, filled with memorable images — Clooney staring down a goat, enlisted men doing the Watusi and a montage of Jeff Bridges embarking on a journey of enlightenment — where no joke is too broad or too barbed.

Clooney as he appears in this year's Money Monster. Once described by Time as "the last movie star," Clooney has built up an impressive and eclectic resume on the silver screen, writes Richard Crouse. COURTESY ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Money Monster	★★
A Bigger Splash	★★★★
Sunset Song	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

George is so artistically eclectic he even disowns one of his biggest hits. "I always apologize for Batman!" he says.

A Bigger Splash a lusty, lurid thriller

INTERVIEW

'It's great to do peculiar,' says film's director Guadagnino

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"I like to do peculiar," says A Bigger Splash director Luca Guadagnino. "It's great to do peculiar."

The Italian filmmaker is talking about his relationship with Tilda Swinton, star of four of his feature films. In their latest collaboration she plays a rock star recuperating from throat surgery with her boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) on a remote island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia. Their tranquil time, however, is shattered by the arrival of Harry (Ralph Fiennes) her former record producer and lover and his Lolita-esque daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Soon into the visit the sunny Mediterranean days take a dark turn as their shared histories bring up some ghosts from the past.

In the new film Guadagnino throws a peculiar twist Swinton's way by making her character largely mute, forcing her to rely solely on her face and eyes to complete the character.

"We are very dear friends," he says of Swinton. "We love one another completely. The pleasure of one another's company is so strong, so unstoppable. Also Tilda is such a courageous performer. That combination makes everyday an adventure, new and funny and tough and great. Also, I think what we do together is very peculiar."

Swinton is spectacular but A Bigger Splash is worth the price of admission just to see Ralph Fiennes, Lord Voldemort himself, strut his stuff to disco era Rolling Stones.

"I am a big fan of Ralph Fiennes," says Guadagnino. "I have been loving him since I saw him in Schindler's List. I saw him in the trailer for the Grand Budapest Hotel and I found this kind of levity that made me think he'd be perfect for Harry."

In one long scene Fiennes unleashes some of the wildest dance moves since Elaine Benes in what must be his loosest on-screen performance ever.

Mediterranean days turn dark once Tilda Swinton, Dakota Johnson, Matthias Schoenaerts and Ralph Fiennes get together in A Bigger Splash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

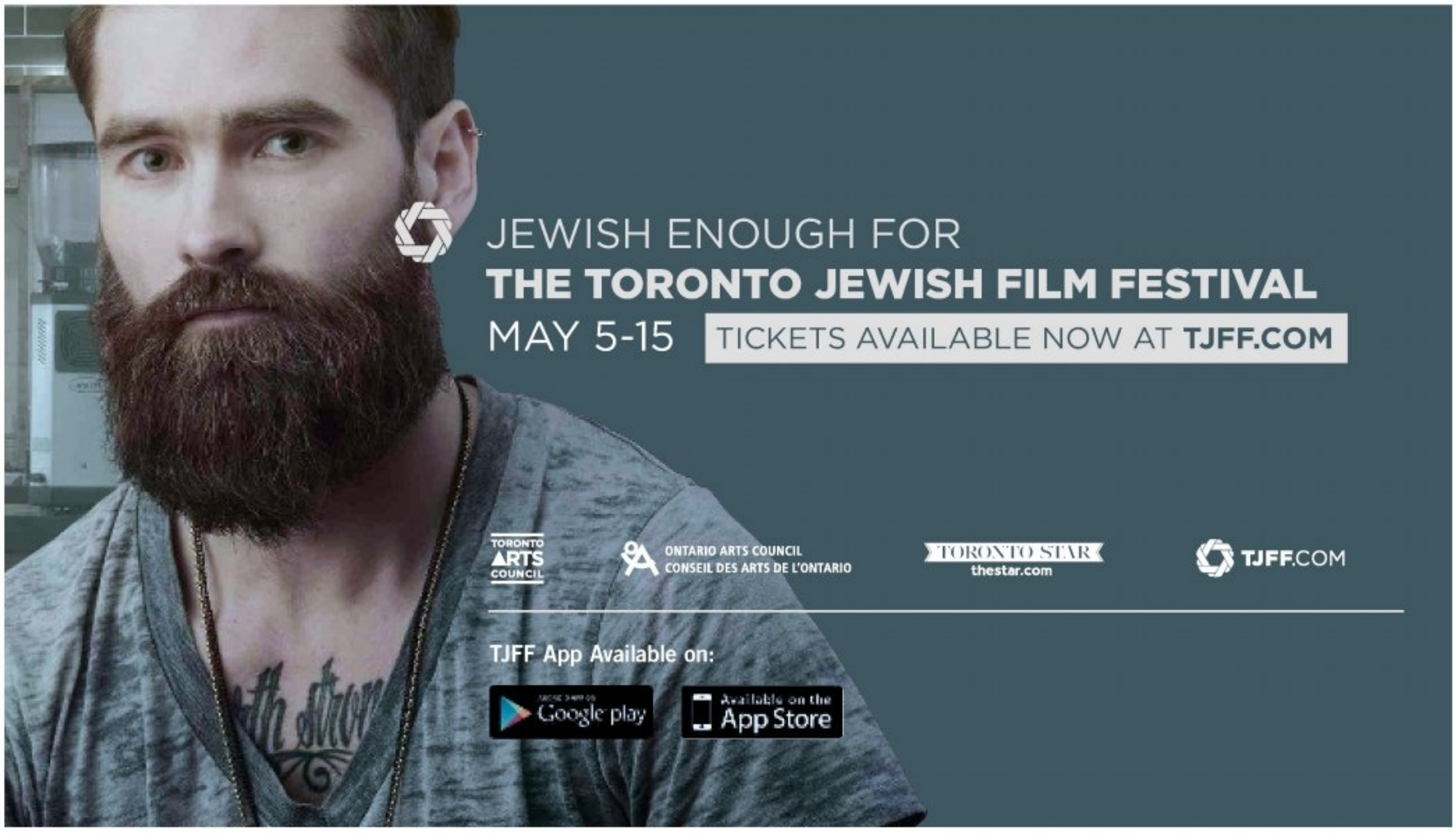
"Everything started with the brilliant script by David Kajganich and the description of how this man loses himself to the dance," says the director. "Starting from there Ralph proposed to me to work with a choreographer from London. We met her and decided it was good for her to let Ralph find something wild within him. Let him be loose with his own body and have confidence with his own movements. I described the world the choreographer and Ralph went into as psychoanalytical choreography. It was about unleashing and having the confidence to unleash. It wasn't choreography that was staged gesture by gesture. It was about creating that flow."

A Bigger Splash is a romp — a lusty and lurid thriller with worldly people, drugs, drinking and some startling nudity.

The film's nakedness, Guadagnino says, "is about being truthful to the story you are telling and the characters you are depicting. We are talking about four people on an island entangled in the web of desire. People who come from rock and roll, people who come from a sort of elite world, people who are completely liberated in their own skin even though they are completely chained by their passion. They are people who get naked. For me it is not a contrivance. It is the answer to the question, What would they wear in a place like that, doing things the way they do?"

Next time around, however, don't expect as much skin. "I can't wait to make a Victorian movie with people dressed all the way up to their necks," he laughs.

> **"I'm a big fan of Ralph Fiennes. I have been loving him since I saw him in Schindler's List.**
> Director Luca Guadagnino, on his leading man



THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion

On a recent Saturday morning, I was led into temptation...twice.

We drove to Valleyview Gardens, a Scarborough plant centre where we planned on picking up a few plants to fill some pots on our deck. Three hundred and fifty dollars later, we left with paradise.

"I need to eat a little something before we start gardening," I told Simon as we stuffed the car with grasses, herbs and succulents, "maybe a pastry and a coffee." We'd passed all sorts of strip mall bakeries — from Chinese to Greek — but Google maps made up our minds after telling us Francesca Bakery was just 10 minutes away.

We came for cannoli. Seventy dollars later, we left with a box of Italian cookies, two pieces of lasagna, a couple of fist-sized rice balls, a muffuletta-looking sandwich layered with salami and cheese, and roasted chicken and potatoes. And no, we didn't forget the cannoli. And yes, that too was paradise.

A paradise of a different sort opens on Friday: A Bigger Splash reunites Tilda Swinton with Luca Guadagnino, who directed her in 2009's I Am Love: a highly stylized film that left me wanting to touch everything from Swinton's polished wardrobe to a plate of prawns that sends her into near-ecstasy.

It sounds like A Bigger Splash, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year, is just as tactile: "I keep joking we should give people sunscreen with their popcorn for this movie," Swinton recently said. "There's a feeling that you're going to this place."

The place is Pantelleria, an island between Tunisia and Sicily. Swinton plays a rock star who retreats there with her boyfriend, a filmmaker, played by Matthias Schoenaerts, for rest and relaxation after vocal-cord surgery.

But paradise is interrupted when her ex-lover, a record producer played by Ralph Fiennes, shows up unexpectedly with his daughter (Dakota Johnson) who he just discovered he had, in tow. Enter temptation, jealousy, desire, lust — and judging from the trailer, perhaps a crime of passion.

We interrupted our gardening to eat that sandwich, which was big enough for two. "I really wish you got some chicken parmigiana," Simon said.

"That's not even Italian you know," I said. "It's Italian-American."

"Who cares! It's delicious!" he said. "And you know that the hybrid of two food cultures is still 'authentic' because immigrants, by using what they had available to them in the new world, made it so."

"I was thinking that very thing in Francesca Bakery." Even though the scenic photos of Sicily hanging on the walls, the bright modern space with metal tables and chairs felt more New Jersey than say, a traditional pasticceria in Palermo, like Bar Costa, where, coincidentally, Francesca Bakery owner Angelo Battaglia got his start as a teenager, it felt just as legitimate.

"Think about all the regional variety in Italy," I continued, "all the ways that outside influences changed their food. Take the Sicilian cannoli: it has Arabic roots."

"It's funny how we think of food culture in Italy as static, even though it's always adapted," he said. "I mean the tomato, which didn't even arrive there until the 1700s, is now synonymous with Italian food."

"I wonder what Chinese Canadians think about their cuisine here?" I thought out loud.

"I don't know. But I think chicken balls have their place," he said, "And so does chicken parm."

Like in paradise.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

#StarringJohnCho a key social movement

LEADING MEN

New website rails against Hollywood's 'whitewashing'

How would it look if there were more Asian actors playing lead roles in Hollywood blockbusters?

Check out the #StarringJohnCho website and see for yourself.

The website has inserted Cho's image into a number of mainstream movie posters, including Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, Go Rogue, Mother's Day and The Martian to draw attention to the fact that "whitewashing Asian roles in film abounds."

It notes that it's common practice for white stars to be cast as Asian characters, such as Scarlett Johansson playing Motoko Kusanagi in the dystopian crime story Ghost in the Shell, blonde and blue-eyed Emma Stone as Alison Ng in Aloha, and Jim Sturgess as Jeff Ma in 21.

Cho is best known as the actor who took on the iconic role of Sulu in the Star Trek reboot, and as one of the titular characters in the Harold & Kumar comedy trilogy.

However, Asian actors in Hollywood generally remain consigned to bit roles, the website argues.

"#StarringJohnCho is a social movement that literally shows you what it would look like if today's Hollywood blockbusters cast an Asian-American actor — specifically, John Cho — as their leading man," it says.

The website argues that it makes economic sense to cast more Asian leads, as diverse casts promise higher box office profits.

"Support #StarringJohnCho by sharing the hashtag and help ignite this necessary conversation," it says.

The site says it was created by 25-year-old digital strategist William Yu, who Photoshopped Cho's face onto a collection of mainstream Hollywood movie posters.

It also carries a disclaimer which states that Cho has no affiliation with it.

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In the Photoshopped movie posters, John Cho replaces some of Hollywood's favoured men. WILLIAM YU/VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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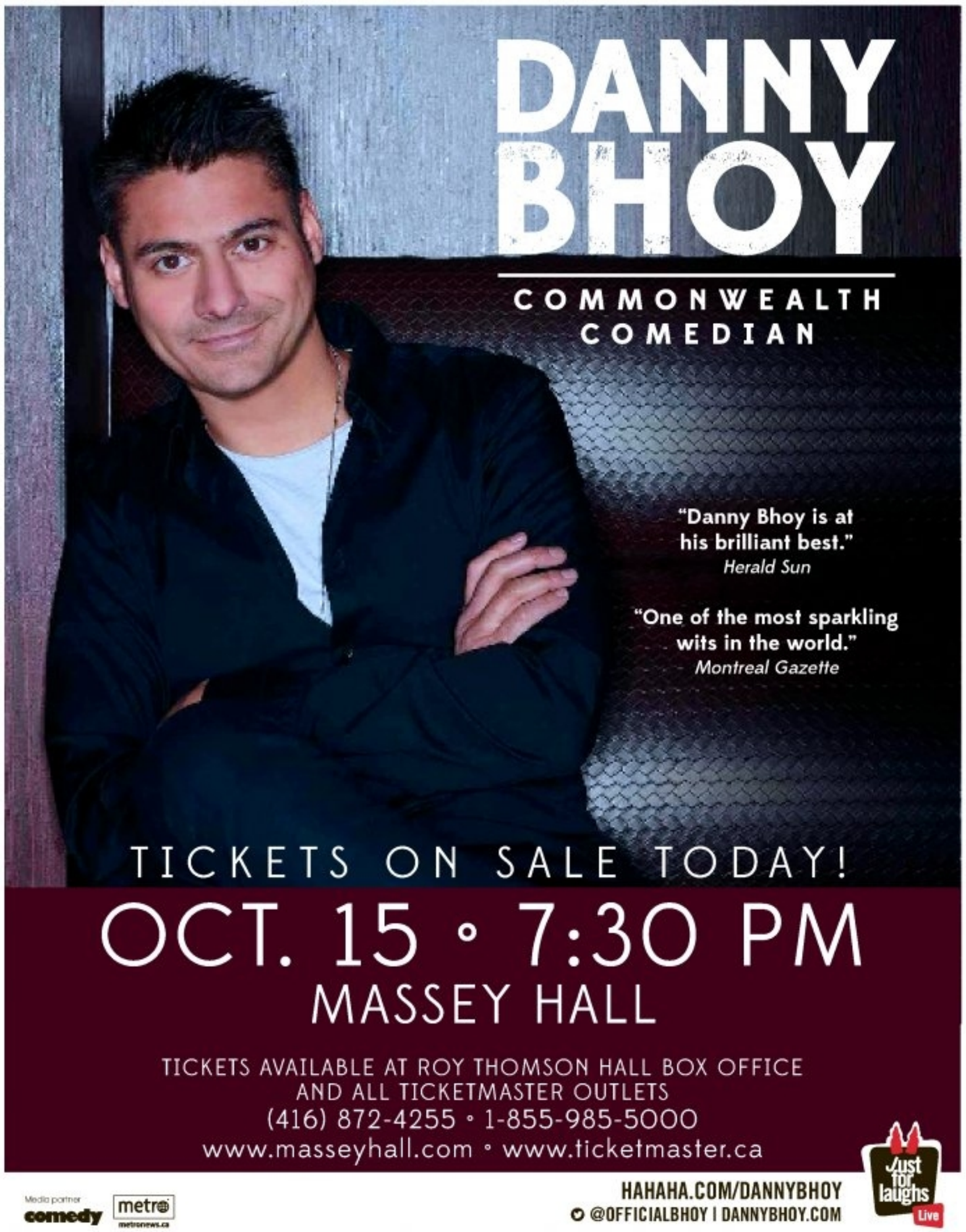

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You had me at 'no mosquitoes'

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Food, farms and forests await in B.C.'s Qualicum

Kathy Buckworth
For Metro Canada

"Relax, it's Qualicum!" I heard this many times during my visit to this small Vancouver Island community, whose population of 8,900 swells to 16,000 in the summer.

They boast the dubious honour of having the highest median age of any city in Canada. But if you think that means this is a sleepy tea-room filled community, think again.

"If you're bored in Qualicum Beach it's your own fault," one of the residents said to me, as I attended one of many concerts held at the Old School House Arts Centre. I would return to the Arts Centre the next day to take a water colour painting class (which confirmed my career as a writer), one of a virtual plethora of programs and exhibits offered on an ever changing basis.

Qualicum life is exemplified at the Courtyard Café. Meryl and Peter Tryon run this community-minded restaurant, and their specialty crepes have both locals and visitors visiting often.

After filling up on a Crepe Benny, I headed to the Farmers Market (Saturdays only) which sees 70 per cent of the market stalls occupied by farmers and local food makers who are required to be there themselves, a "meet your maker" approach which is extremely successful. The other booths are filled with local crafters.

It's B.C., so seafood? Of course. The CView Restaurant in the Qualicum Beach Inn has an extensive menu, which is best enjoyed on their cozy fire-pit laden patio.

Families often opt to stay at the Beach Club Resort & Inn, for its convenient suites, complete with full kitchens and well-traversed boardwalk on the ocean. Kite surfers and kite flyers fill the seascape.

I finished my visit with a hike through the 50-acre Heritage Forest where 200-year-old Douglas Firs rise up to 700 feet in the air.

"There are no mosquitoes, skunks, grizzly bears or moose on the island" said Gary Murdock of Pacific Rainforest Adventure Tours.

No wonder they're relaxed. You had me at no mosquitoes.

Qualicum Beach offers a number of ways to unwind; from watching the ocean tides from the Qualicum Beach Inn, to exploring the 50-acre Heritage Forest and the Saturday Farmers Market. PHOTOS BY KATHY BUCKWORTH

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TRAVEL NOTES TOP AIRLINE, NEW COASTER AND MT. EVEREST CLIMBERS RETURN

Alaska tops best airlines list

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue Airways still rank highest in the annual J.D. Power survey of passengers on the nine largest North American airlines. J.D. Power said Wednesday that Alaska Airlines ranked highest among traditional airlines for the ninth straight year and JetBlue was the top-rated low-cost carrier for the 11th year in a row. Air Canada ranked fourth, and WestJet finished third among low-cost carriers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Valravn debuts at Cedar Point

Cedar Point, in Sandusky, Ohio, is home to the new roller coaster that opened to the public Saturday. The ride, called Valravn, gives riders a sweeping view of Lake Erie before dropping them over 200 feet on a 90-degree free fall that hits a top speed of 75 mph. It also turns riders upside down three times. The roller coaster has already broken records as the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climbers reach summit

Nine Nepalis reached the top of Mount Everest on Wednesday, the first group of climbers to summit the world's highest mountain in three years after deadly disasters forced a shutdown. The team reached the summit at 5:02pm (1117 GMT) while fixing ropes for foreign climbers, who will try later this week to ascend the mountain, hit by tragedy in 2014 and 2015. Hundreds of climbers abandoned the mountain last year after an earthquake-triggered avalanche killed 18 people at Everest base camp. AFP

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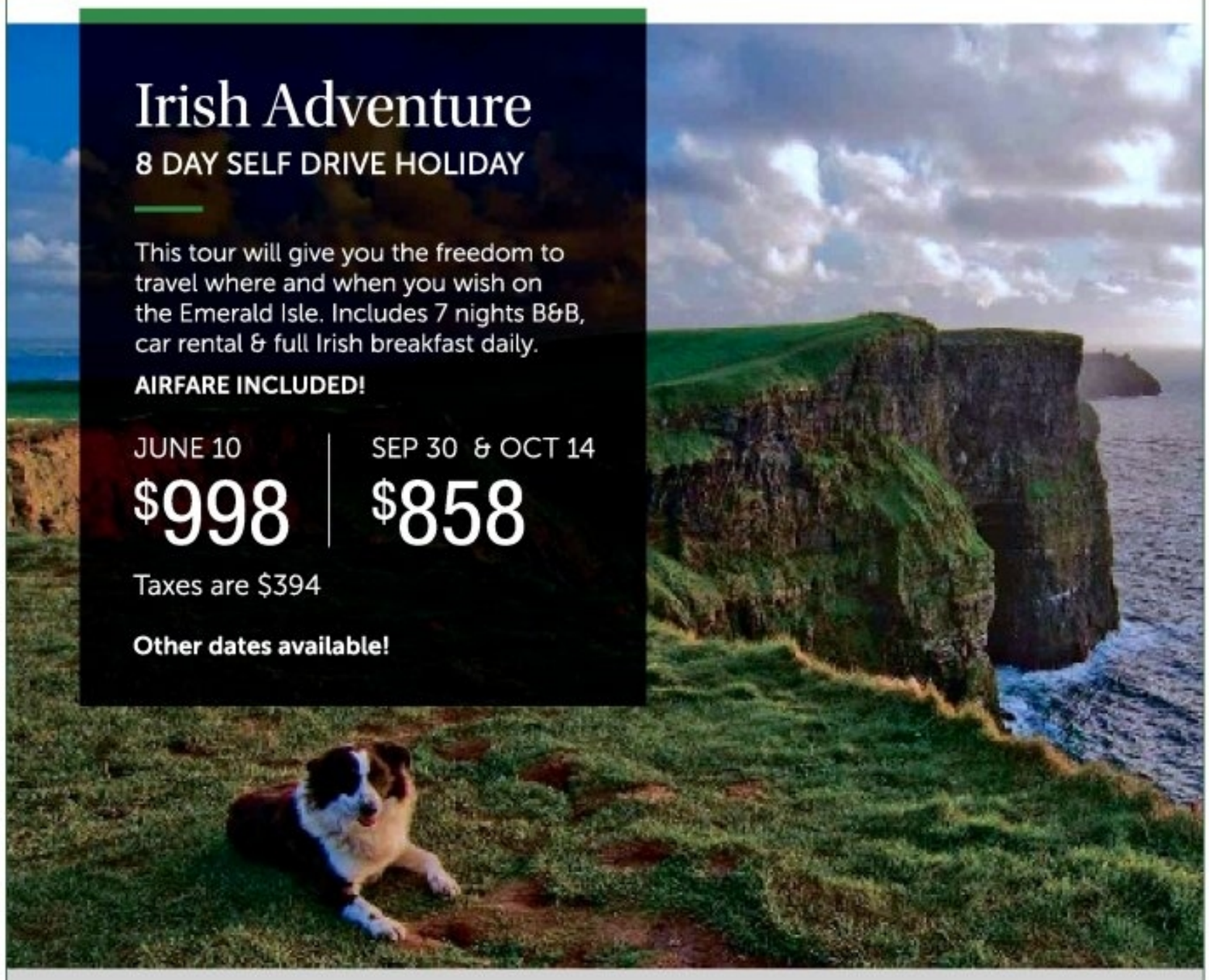

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HISTORY

Ship Hector recounts voyage of N.S.'s first Scottish settlers

Ship Hector is shown berthed in Pictou, N.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Standing in the bowels of the Ship Hector, it's hard to believe that nearly 200 people crammed into the rows of bunks for a trying 11-week voyage from Scotland to Nova Scotia more than two centuries ago.

An exact replica of the 37-metre wood vessel is berthed in Pictou, N.S. — a floating museum that recounts the journey of the 189 men, women and children who left Scotland in 1773 in search of a new life. The excursion would prompt a wave of Scottish immigration to Nova Scotia that helped shape North America.

"This is our Mayflower. This is as important to us as the Mayflower is to the United States," said John Meir, vice-chairman of the Hector Quay Society. "It set off a huge wave of immigration and Pictou became one of the centres of immigration for North America."

After several years of construction using the original designs, traditional building methods and mostly the same materials, the replica Ship Hector was launched in 2000.

The colourful vessel floating in Pictou Harbour is part of Hector Heritage Quay, which includes a three-storey interpretive centre as well as brightly painted outbuildings that house blacksmith, carpentry and rigger shops.

In the main lobby of the interpretive centre, dozens of tartan banners bearing the family names of Ship Hector passengers — Innes, Sutherland and MacKay, to name a few — hang from the wood-panelled walls.

The faint sound of bagpipes can be heard as large wall displays and exhibitions recount the history of the Hector, beginning with the Battle of Culloden in 1746. "The British wanted to drive out the clans from Scotland," said Meir in a charming English accent, explaining that the British handily won that battle and eventually ended up forbidding Scots to wear kilts or play bagpipes.

"Their way of life was basically destroyed by the British." THE CANADIAN PRESS

5 THINGS TO SEE ALONG DENVER'S BRIGHTON BOULEVARD

A busy street connecting downtown Denver to the interstate, roaring with trucks and running alongside railroad tracks, might not sound like a trendy neighbourhood in the making. But now's the time to visit Brighton Boulevard before it begins to look too much like any hipster street in any other city.

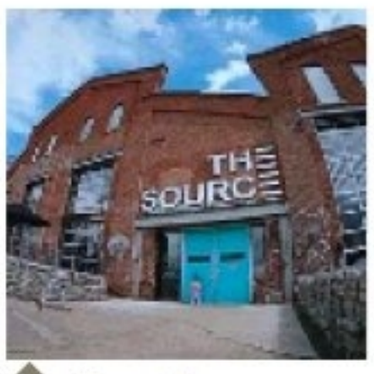
TEXT AND PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Cowboys and rodeos

A mural depicting farm animals and dancing cowboys just off Brighton Boulevard is easy for drivers to miss. Its delicate greens and oranges, on jewel-like tiles on a concrete wall, are almost invisible in the shadow of Interstate 70. From the mural, it's a short walk to the National Western Complex, which hosts rodeos, martial arts tournaments, alpaca exhibits, classic car auctions and concerts throughout the year.

2 Museum

Toward downtown is the Forney Museum of Transportation, a nostalgic stop for its classic inventory. The cavernous hall sitting along railroad tracks displays a nail-polish red 1936 Morgan racer and other vintage cars, motorcycles, bicycles, planes and boats, including a Martin AirCar designed for land, sea and air travel.



3 Food

The Source, a European-style food market in what was once a brick foundry at 33rd and Brighton, includes eateries like Comida, where winter squash pancakes, bacon jalapeno griddled tacos and a long list of cocktails are on the menu. Three blocks away, the Will Call tavern serves drinks, burgers and empanadas.

4 Arts

The trendy restaurants, tech and public relations tenants are just some of the signs of gentrification to hit this neighbourhood dotted with manufacturers. Also new: entertainment that's not a rodeo. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts has ventured out of its downtown theatre for an immersive, interactive performance project called Sweet and Lucky.

5 Activities

Other indicators of change include recreational marijuana shops and artists moving into warehouses. Galleries and ateliers for dressmakers and artisans working in wood and metal have also popped up. Another warehouse nearby houses Denver's Great Room Escape, an experience where participants pay to enter a room and use clues and riddles to get out.

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DeRozan delivers with strings attached

RAPTORS
GAME 6 PREVIEW

Mystery thumb treatment helps guard turn game around

The red shoestring Raptors director of sports science Alex McKechnie spun around DeMar DeRozan's injured thumb in Game 5 was a popular topic of conversation around the team on Thursday.

"It was interesting. It was an excellent method, I guess, from Alex McKechnie," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

Whatever he did, it worked. Despite re-aggravating the thumb injury in the fourth quarter, DeRozan came back with 4:17 left and made all eight of his free throws and a jumper to keep the Raptors in front. DeRozan finished the night with 34 points and went 11-for-11 at the line.

"I'd never seen it before. Whatever works, whatever means necessary," Casey said of the lace around the thumb. "Alex is one of the best. That's why he's one of the best in the business, with his methods. I had never seen that before."

As for the digit, Casey said there was no news on DeRozan's thumb as of Thursday afternoon.

Alex McKechnie works on DeMar DeRozan on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I don't know if it's better or worse. We didn't talk about it," Casey said when he was asked about DeRozan's status on Thursday. "He doesn't talk about it. He's ready to go."

With DeRozan and Kyle Lowry struggling with shooting throughout the playoffs, Casey said having DeRozan see his shot drop — he was 11 of 22 in Game 5 — could make a difference going back to Miami.

"It helps tremendously," he said. "Even Kyle seeing the ball go through the hoop, it helps him tremendously."

Lowry was 9-for-25 and 4-for-9 from three-point range.

"We never lost faith in those guys," Casey continued. "It's almost like a baseball player seeing the ball hit the bat a couple of times. You're right back in the groove and that's the mentality they should have shooting the basketball, any time they touch it.

"That's not the only thing they have to do to help us win. They have to defend, they have to move the ball they've got to screen, they've got to run the floor. There are other things they can do, even if the shots aren't falling."

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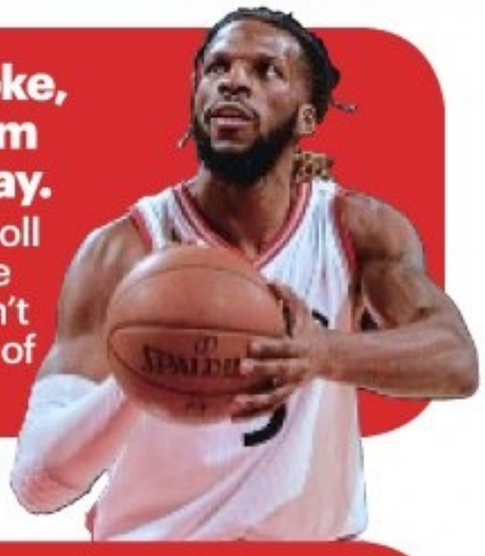
GAME 6

Raptors at Heat, 8 p.m.
With a win Friday night, the Raptors will be into uncharted Eastern Conference-final territory where LeBron James and the Cavaliers await.

If it ain't broke, with me, I'm ready to play.
DeMarre Carroll says his sore left wrist won't keep him out of Game 6.



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They're built to push you and stress you and put you in uncomfortable situations. And that's what this series is doing right now.
Heat coach Erik Spoelstra

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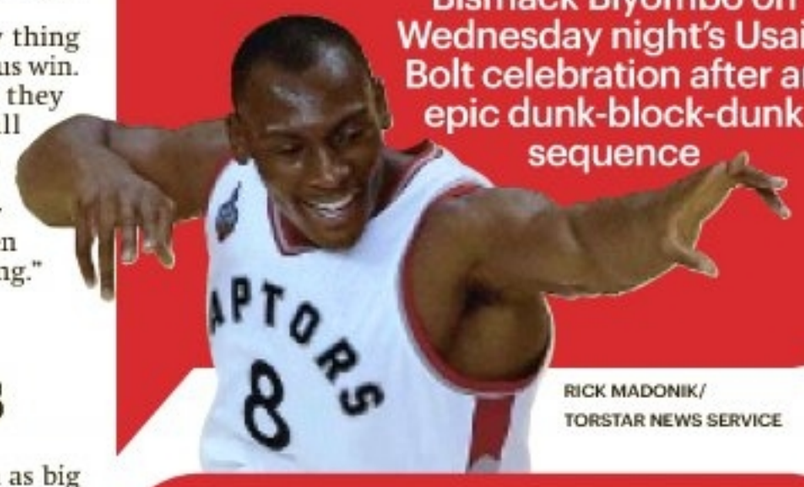
I was just excited with the action. Then after the dunk, it came out of nowhere.
Bismack Biyombo on Wednesday night's Usain Bolt celebration after an epic dunk-block-dunk sequence



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Heat thrive in tough times, coach says

Erik Spoelstra always talks about "competition" and how it drives his Miami Heat, how the veteran team thrives on the intensity and tightrope walking that goes hand in hand with the NBA playoffs.

It's now time to find out if it's just words or if it's action.

The Heat, as beaten up as the Toronto Raptors, face another post-season elimination game Friday night at the American Airlines Arena, down 3-2 in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

It was the same situation they faced in the first round against Charlotte, winning Game 6 on the road to stay alive and crushing the Hornets in Game 7.

"It's about getting ready for a big game, Game 6, at home," Spoelstra said after the Raptors won Game 5 on Wednesday. "Our guys love this type of competition."

The Heat did get some good news — relatively speaking — when Luol Deng was listed as questionable for Friday's game with a bruised left wrist.

Luol Deng, left, and Justise Winslow GETTY IMAGES

Deng was injured in the third quarter of Wednesday's game and had a precautionary MRI here Thursday afternoon that revealed no structural damage or fractures.

But if Deng is limited, it will cut substantially into their already-sputtering offence. He is the team's best three-point shooter in the playoffs and his replacement — rookie Justise Winslow — is far from as big a scoring threat.

Winslow has been used sparingly; he didn't play a minute in Game 3, but could be thrust into a substantial role Friday.

"Justise is a competitor — that's the most important thing about it," Spoelstra said on a conference call Thursday afternoon. "When you're asked to do different things he doesn't make excuses for it. He just embraces all the competition."

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A lot of things happen just by the game being physical. So it's unfortunate, but we will continue to move on.
Dwyane Wade on injuries to Hassan Whiteside and Luol Deng

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Revamped Pens put to task against Bolts

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning swept 3-game season series

On the calendar, the gap between the last time the Pittsburgh Penguins and Tampa Bay Lightning met and Friday night's Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final is less than three months.

Within the lifespan of a season, it seems a lot longer.

When the Lightning blew past the Penguins 4-2 on Feb. 20 — a victory that earned Tampa Bay a sweep of its three-game season series with Pittsburgh — Steven Stamkos was still scoring goals, Matt Murray was still the Penguins' third option in net and the Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan's mid-season overhaul remained very much a work in progress.

Not anymore. Stamkos remains out indefinitely while dealing with a blood clot, and Murray has become a revelation in near lockstep with the Penguins' evolution from enigmatic underachiever to Stanley Cup favourite. No wonder the Penguins couldn't help but laugh when asked if they could remember what happened on that sloppy Saturday in mid-winter when the Lightning built a quick three-goal lead and cruised.

"I couldn't even tell you," Pittsburgh forward Phil Kessel said. "I don't even remember when we played them last."

The Lightning's Ondrej Palat scores past Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury on Feb. 5 in Tampa, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Probably best to just block it out and press forward anyway at a time of year where short-term memory loss is an asset.

The Penguins wrapped up a 12-day highwire act against rival Washington on Tuesday night when Nick Bonino fired home the winner in overtime of Game 6. The cathartic celebration sent Pittsburgh to the conference final for the fourth time since 2008. Less than 72 hours later, they face the only team that's been more dominant in the post-season.

The Lightning raced through the first two rounds of the playoffs, dropping one game each to Detroit and the New York Islanders. Remarkable, considering they've been without Stamkos and defenceman Anton Stralman, still recovering from a fractured left leg.

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Tampa Bay has won each of its five one-goal contests in the playoffs — a sign its long post-season run a year ago wasn't just puck luck.

Stamkos is practising but the five-time all-star hasn't been cleared for contact. Stralman appears to be on the verge of returning, though coach Jon Cooper is in no hurry to announce his lineup, saying Thursday "it's just pointless to talk about whether they're going to play or not."

Shortly after fizzling against the Lightning in February, the Penguins put together a 14-2 surge to end the regular season they have carried into May.

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2014 WINTER GAMES

Doubts arise over doping samples

The IOC "would not hesitate" to retest drug samples from the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi if there is evidence that doping controls were manipulated, according to the Olympic body's medical director.

A Russian whistleblower told CBS' 60 Minutes that four Russian gold medallists from the Sochi Olympics used steroids and Russian security agents worked as doping control officers during the games.

"The IOC will follow up any issues very carefully," medical director Dr. Richard Budgett told The Associated Press. "We did have international experts in the lab monitoring all the testing going on. We made it as secure as we could."

Budgett said the International Olympic Committee has stored all doping samples from Sochi at its lab in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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The IOC retains Olympic samples for 10 years to allow for reanalysis with improved testing methods.

"We will consider whether reanalysis will help us ascertain if there was any manipulation or not," Budgett said in a telephone interview. "There is no decision on that yet. But if there is evidence of manipulation, we would not hesitate to test."

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IN BRIEF

FIFA inspects Russian club

FIFA doping testers turned up unannounced Thursday to collect samples from Russian soccer team FC Rostov amid suspicions of meldonium use during its surprise pursuit of the league title.

The Rostov starting 11 were tested after they won 3-1 at leader Dynamo Moscow to move within two points of the Russian capital club with two games remaining, FIFA medical chief Jiri Dvorak told The Associated Press.

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Day ties Sawgrass record

Jason Day created a far better memory Thursday than his last round at the TPC Sawgrass. Not only was he 18 shots better, the world's No. 1 player tied the course record with a 9-under 63 that gave him a two-shot lead in The Players Championship.

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Skiles resigns abruptly

Scott Skiles surprisingly resigned as coach of the Orlando Magic after just one season and team executives insist they never saw it coming.

The Magic were busy Thursday trying to play spin control while also trying to make sense of the seemingly sudden decision by Skiles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Salmon with Peach Cucumber Salsa

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The fresh and fiery salsa on this delicately seasoned salmon serves up easy alongside a simple salad and big glass of thank Goodness it's Friday.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 4 or 5 filets of salmon with skin
- 2 cups of peeled, pitted and diced peaches (I used 3 peaches)
- 1 cup unpeeled, diced cucumber
- 3/4 cup diced red pepper
- 1/4 cup washed, finely chopped cilantro
- 4 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp of chipotle chilies, minced

Directions

1. Mix all the ingredients for the salsa except the chilies. Separate the amount that you think you'll give little kids or those with zero tolerance for heat. Then add your chiles to the remaining mixture and stir. Taste and check seasoning. Cover and place in the fridge while you fire up the grill.

2. Wash and pat dry the salmon. Season the fish with salt and pepper and a slick of olive oil on both sides. Place the fish on the grill, skin side down. Now, don't touch that fish. The heat from the grill will sear the fish and allow it to come away from the grill. Leave for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of your filets.

3. Use a thin spatula to flip the fish. Allow to cook for another 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from grill and use a fork to break into the middle to see if fish is opaque. Serve with a heaping spoon of salsa.

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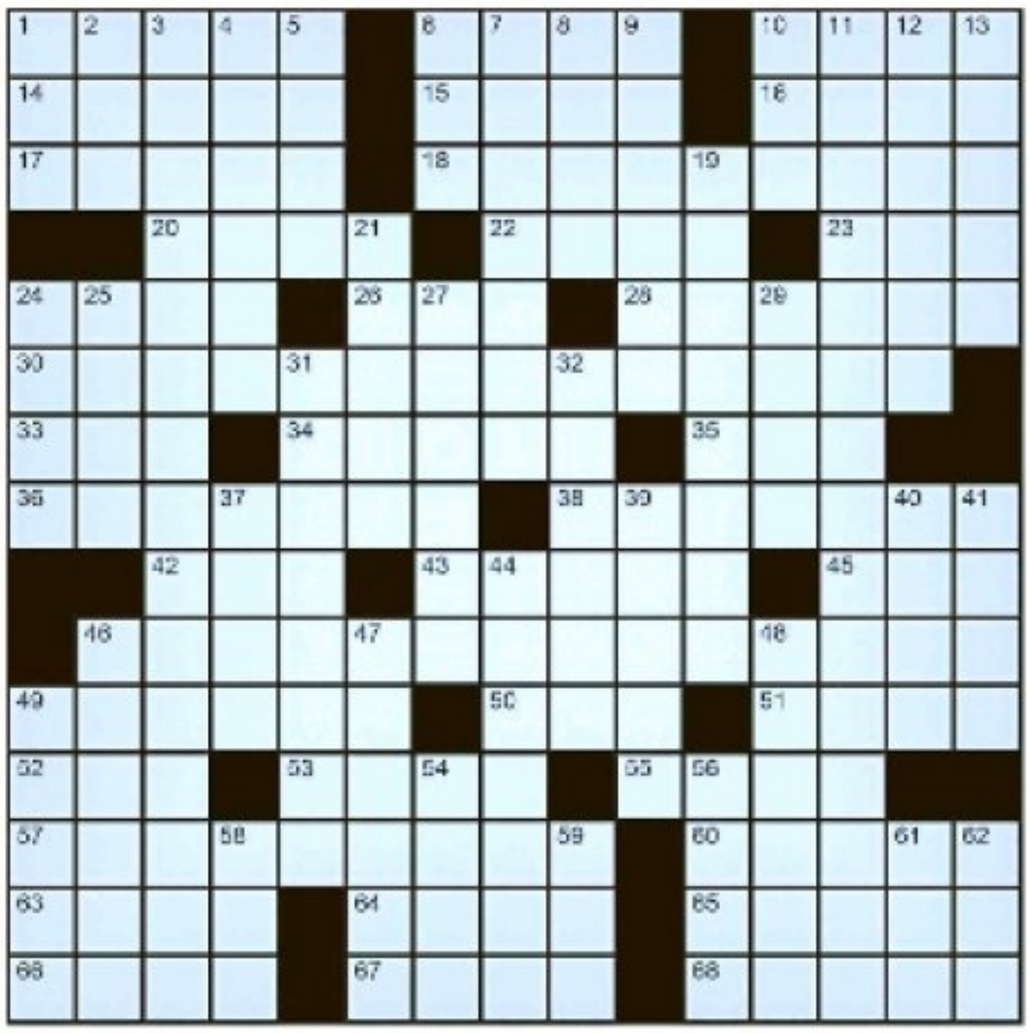

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1. Christianity symbol
6. Particle
10. Prefix to 'culture'
14. "Tiny Bubbles" singer: 2 wds.
15. Eagerly excited
16. Cupid's Greek counterpart
17. Halifax-based energy company
18. CH-149 _ (RCAF search & rescue helicopter); or, Large fish-loving seabird
20. Laughing sounds
22. Pantene _-_ (Shampoo)
23. NBC show since '75
24. "Right on!"
26. Comedian Mr. Philips
28. Loch creature of Scotland, affectionately
30. What daredevil Nik Wallenda would successfully do over Niagara Falls in 2012: 3 wds.
33. Mr. Holbrook
34. Bear voiced by Bill Murray in "The Jungle Book" (2016)
35. Prefix to 'angle'
36. Like a voice that is full and rich
38. Actor, Taylor _
42. Triumphed
43. Cargo-placing worker
45. Ell's predecessor
46. 1992 hit for British band The Cure: 4 wds.
49. Comparatively tidy: 2 wds.
50. Band, with Speedwagon
51. Aren'ts antonyms
52. Embassy diplomat, briefly
53. Line above the equator, _. _.
55. "Gomer Pyle, _._._."
57. Super small
60. Oohed and _
63. Desert weather
64. Ceremonial magnificence
65. Singer Mr. Lopez
66. Amphibious WWII vessels
67. Power [abbr.]
68. Canadian singer Jann

DOWN
1. B-F inbetweeners
2. _-com (Movie genre)
3. OYR = _ _ _ (Calgary performance theatre company)
4. "Honey, I _ the Kids" (1989)
5. Drench
6. Fella
7. Monster of BC's Lake Okanagan
8. Unit of pressure
9. Village on BC's Sunshine Coast
10. _ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)
11. Nova Scotia... Unique flower that grows in the bogs of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park: 3 wds.
12. '60s songstress Ms. Spector
13. Basket fibre
19. Capsize
21. _ _ extra plate (Accommodate the supper guest)
24. "Horton Hears _ _!" (2008)
25. Volcanic crater
27. Gently
29. Type
31. Plentiful
32. Fleetwood Mac hit in 1982: 2 wds.
37. "Jump _ _!" (Get going!)
39. Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
40. Icicle's locale
41. Seedy loaves
44. TV show's showing slot
46. Leg bones
47. Slanting
48. Hedy of Hollywood
49. _ spray (Decongestant)
54. Deity of ancient Thebes
56. _ _ few moments (Rested briefly)
58. Dates to follow BCs
59. Train co.
61. Compass point
62. Racket

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a tricky day because you have great moneymaking ideas, but you should wait until tomorrow to act. Today's overconfidence might trip you up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are persuasive today. Naturally, you can use this advantage to go after what you want. However, what you want might be different by tomorrow.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to seek out answers today. You also have patience and motivation to find what you're looking for. In fact, you feel like a sleuth.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with artistic, creative people will please you today. You might admire what they can do. (Don't spend money on anything other than food or gas today.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a tricky day. The Moon is in your sign, but it's a bit wobbly. This means that what you initiate might not fulfill your objective. Easy does it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a loosey-goosey day. Nevertheless, you will love to kick around ideas about travel to distant lands or doing something "different." Just dream; do not act today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Resist the urge to make important decisions about inheritances and shared property today, because this is a poor day to do so. Ironically, people are in agreement. Go figure.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a lovely day to hang out with partners and close friends, and just schmooze. Take a long lunch. Enjoy the company of others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Although it's easy to get along with co-workers today, your efficiency might suffer because you don't feel like working. Warning: Don't initiate anything new.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a wonderful, creative day! People who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be full of clever, original ideas.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything important. Just coast.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Resist the urge to initiate or suggest new ideas at work today, because it's a poor day to do this. However, you can research and get further information about what you hope to do.

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